

PLURALITY
ELECTIONS
BILLS UPSenate Bill Passes That Body.
Representative Pape's
Bill Up in HouseA FLOOD OF BILLS ON
LAST DAY TO PRESENT

One to Give More Power to Railroad Commission, Another Affecting Stations and Another Affecting Child Labor—Again After the Grafters With a Bill—Mr. Fitts Introduces Bill to Increase Tax on Sleeping Car, Telegraph and Express Companies.

Montpelier, Nov. 1.—Outside of the introduction of a very large number of bills the matter of importance in the Vermont legislature today was the action on bills providing for the election of representatives by plurality. With scarcely a murmur the Senate passed Senator Buxton's bill on the matter, after it had been taken up as a special order this forenoon. Senator Ware of Windham county called for the yeas and nays on the question of passage and Senator Slack opposed the bill saying that he believed plurality rule would tend to lower the standard of excellence of the representatives. The roll call resulted in 21 yeas and 8 nays. Those voting in the negative were Senators Ashley, Fullington, Holbrook, Slack, Ware, Simpson and Wells.

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Representative Pape's plurality bill came up in the House as a special order, after it had been reported favorably by the committee with a proposed amendment which practically nullifies the whole purpose. The proposed amendment provides for plurality election on the third ballot.

More Power to Railroad Commission. A bill surrounding the state board of railroad commissioners with more power was introduced this forenoon by Mr. Eddy of Stowe. The commission to consist of two members to be elected biennially by the joint assembly. It limits the assistance the board may employ. The penalty for non-compliance with the board's orders is increased from \$25 a day to \$500-\$1,000 a day until order is obeyed. The time of appeal is limited to three days. The salary of board members is \$4 a day. The time for the commission to act is reduced from 60 to 30 days.

Another concerning the railroads is a bill introduced by Mr. Graves of Bennington covering the establishment of suitable depots.

Two bills of much importance were introduced by Mr. Darling of Hardwick relating to child and woman labor. Children under 15 shall not be employed in any factory, workshop or store. Children shall not be employed during school hours nor before 6 in forenoon or after 6 in the afternoon. Children under eighteen shall not be employed more than eight hours a day. Parents or guardians subject to \$50 fine and employers also are liable for all personal damages sustained by children or women employed; (2) making eight hours' labor a legal day's work except farm and domestic service.

Important bills in the House are by Mr. Newton of Reading, regulating the catching of brook trout. Repeals six-inch law; by Mr. Agan of Ludlow, relating to corporations. Substitutes for the present general law relating to chartering of corporations a system designed to encourage the industry of taking charters and to create a source of revenue to the state, similar to the New Jersey and Maine plans, but more restrictive. Prescribes annual license tax of 1/4 per cent. on capital stock up to \$3,000,000; 2/5 per cent from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000; and 3/3.33 additional for each million above.

Additional bills were presented today by Mr. Darling of Hardwick, compelling the laying of public sewers in towns where there are water systems; by Butterfield of Weathersfield, prohibiting the killing of deer from Jan. 1, 1905 to Jan. 1, 1906; by Pape of Barre making city water proper naturalization courts; by Senator of Montpelier requiring city judges to furnish bonds of \$3,000 in same, giving license commissioners right to say how many licenses shall be granted in towns and cities of over 100 population.

The bill reducing the amount of savings bank deposits exempt from taxation from \$2000 to \$1000 was killed, as was also the bill increasing the state highway tax to 10 per cent.

In the Senate.

Among Senate bills put in today was one by Slack of Caledonia county relating to powers of state's attorneys and grand juries. A grand jury is provided for the term of court when state's attorneys call for one; two by Senator Piche of Orange, one of which relates to loss of witnesses (makes \$2 per day in county court and \$1 per day in justice court).

A bill was introduced in the Senate relating to tuberculosis commission.

Penalty for "Graft." A bill of great importance, with an important sounding name was introduced by Mr. Agan of Ludlow, former running mate of P. W. Clement. The title of the bill is "Relating to Offences Against

Public Policy." The bill provides a penalty for manipulation of public business for "graft" purposes.

Yesterday's Proceedings.

Among the many bills introduced were the following: By Mr. Darling of Hardwick, amending charter of Hardwick & Woodbury road; by Mr. Sherburne of Pomfret, regulating sale of intoxicating liquors; con. on temperance. Saloon keepers to keep a record of sales and persons buying; by Mr. Nutting of Westminster, by request, relating to newspaper subscriptions. Publishers not to send paper after subscription expires, except at his own risk; by Mr. Bailey of Barre town, amending the law regulating practice of pharmacy, con. on public health. Makes only slight change in present law; by Mr. Fitts of Brattleboro, requiring dealers in evergreen trees to take out a \$50 license, con. on land taxes; by same, regulating the sale of merchandise in bulk. Goods must be inventoried before sold; by Mr. Fitts of Brattleboro, making a liquor license run "until the first day of the month of May next following such date of issue," unless sooner forfeited or rendered void, providing for pro rata fee for licenses issued for less than one year, and adding legal holidays and fair days to the list of days on which no liquors may be sold; by the same, increasing the tax on telephone, telegraph, express and sleeping car and police car companies, ways and means. Sleeping car companies 5 per cent of gross earnings, express 8 per cent, telegraph companies 1.20 per mile of poles and one line of wire, and 80 cents per mile for each additional wire, telephone companies 80 cents on each transmitter and 60 cents per mile of wire. A telephone company 16 have the alternative of 6 per cent on gross earnings, and telephone companies an alternative of 6 per cent; by the same, relating to powers of state's attorneys in prosecuting by information, judiciary; by Mr. Dart of Springfield, relating to the visiting of schools by teachers (teachers may visit schools three days in a year without loss of pay); by Mr. Dart, amending Sec. 4800 V. S., prohibiting saloonkeepers to make a record of every sale, the names of the persons buying, the kinds bought and the dates on which the sales were made. Where? We can see the bar-keep, pencil in one hand, schooner in the other, jotting down data with the one and passing the other over the counter. On busy days there would be apt to be a hustle to keep up.

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WESTERN TRAFFIC THREATENED.

Forced N. Y. & N. H. R. R. to Buy Ontario & Western.

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 31.—It is definitely announced that the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, at a meeting of its directors last Wednesday, all but two being present, voted with substantial unanimity to accept an option offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., on a majority of Ontario & Western stock. The price paid is \$45 a share, ex-dividend, and all the arrangements for the temporary financing extending over some months have been made.

The most important feature, however, of the "deal" is the fact that for the first time in New England railroad history it gives a great New England carrying corporation access to the coal mines on the one hand and to the great lakes on the other, and by virtue of the latter extension, the power of regulating and naming western trunk line rates. From Oswego to Buffalo, a distance of about 140 miles, the Ontario & Western has a traffic agreement with the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad. This contract is not as in the case of the West Shore terminal, a permanent one, but by a new link to Buffalo and Niagara easily constructed on low grades, the Ontario & Western can readily in the future connect with the Gould system and the Canadian trunk lines.

It is understood that the New Haven road was immediately forced to take this step by fears lest the trunk line should endeavor to pass down its rates on through business to and from the West and also from the fact that last spring it was defeated in a plan of securing the Lehigh & Hudson River road connection with the coal fields, by the intervention of the trunk and coal line presidents.

BOY LOSES A FINGER.

Had Been Shooting at a Deer With a Revolver.

Rutland, Oct. 31.—Elmer Laramour, the 14-year-old son of Frederick Laramour of Forest street accidentally shot a bullet into his left hand while loading a revolver today and as the result he will lose the index finger. The boy with a companion was looking after his traps which he set along the banks of the Otter creek inside of the city limits. As the boys were walking along the stream which is deep they came upon a buck deer swimming about in the stream and young Laramour shot at it four times with his 22-caliber revolver. The deer swam down stream a little ways and gaining the bank ran through the west part of the city toward Pine hill. One of the cartridges stuck as the boy was reloading his revolver and he used a steel pin to push it into the chamber and in so doing exploded the cartridge the bullet entering the left hand below the first joint of the index finger, shattering the bone so badly that it will be necessary to amputate the finger. The boy believes that he hit the deer in the back.

MILTON SCHOOLS OPENED.

Exception Made in Case of First Primary Department.

Milton, Oct. 31.—The high and graded schools were reopened today after a week's recess, with the exception of the first primary department, Miss Kate C. Ashley, teacher, which will remain closed until later. All the diptheria cases have been pupils in this grade, and it is feared that more will appear. A nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Savoie or Savage, living on the Ransom Levinsky farm, died early Sunday morning and other children in the family are reported as being ill with the disease.

Through the kindness of the House chaplain, the Rev. Guy C. Lamson, the nine steady attendants at the press table, are to be guests at a venison supper at the Baptist church vestry this evening.

If a resolution introduced in the Senate yesterday afternoon goes through, the state will furnish a silver service suitably engraved for the United States battleship Vermont. The service will cost \$5,000.

In spite of the fact that jinkets are inclined to be frowned upon the committee on town lines considered it

necessary to take a little side trip up a disputed boundary between Albany and Lowell. The pleasure party includes seven members.

After being kept away on account of illness since the opening of the session, Mr. Lebaron of Holland was present today and occupied his seat for the first time.

An informal reception was tendered two schools by Gov. Bell at 11 o'clock this forenoon, at which time several hundred students shook hands with the chief executive.

The number of bills thus far introduced is much less than two years ago. The that session was: House 469, Senate 370. On the last open day two years ago the House received 109 bills and the Senate 47.

A scheme to designate different party tickets on ballots is originated by Senator Laurence of Addison county. He would have an eagle at the top of the Republican column, a star above the Democratic and a lamb above the Prohibition.

The bill amending the charter of Goddard seminary had to be recalled from the governor yesterday as the wording of it repeats some very essential features of the charter which cannot be dispensed with. The bill will be given a fresh start in an amended form.

AWARD WENT
TO JOE GANS

Jimmie Britt Out on Foul in the Fifth Round.

BRITT APPEARED A WINNER

Until He Lost His Head and Gave Gans A Vicious Blow While He Was Down.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 31.—Jimmy Britt of California lost the light-weight championship of the world tonight when he fouled Joe Gans of Baltimore in the fifth round. He had sent Gans to his knees in the fifth round and then losing his head, gave him a vicious punch and referee Graney promptly awarded the decision to Gans on a foul. The same thing had happened in the fourth round when Gans had dropped to his knees to escape a blow that did not land. Britt struck at him but Graney would not allow the foul. In the next round, however, Graney very promptly recognized the foul fighting. It looked almost from the start as if it were Britt's fight. He actually outboxed Gans and landed blow after blow. In the fourth round it was apparent that Gans was defeated and barring a foul the fight was Britt's to a certainty. While no excuse can be made for Britt losing his head, it certainly seemed that Gans invited a foul. The decision was a great shock to the biggest crowd that ever filled the pavilion, but fair-minded men agreed that Graney's judgment was just.

Britt showed marvelous strength and quickness. He went at Gans like a bull terrier, landed body blows alternating with swings on the jaw. During the first three rounds Gans appeared cool and confident and fairly strong. He appeared to be feeling Britt out, but at the end of the fourth when Britt commenced to fight more viciously Gans weakened perceptibly. He landed a few times on Britt, but the little white boy paid no attention to his light taps and every time he was hit bored in more viciously than ever. There is no doubt in the minds of the majority of those present that in another contest at the same weights, Britt would defeat Gans easily. Referee Graney said after the fight:

"I really should have given Gans the decision in the fourth round when Britt fouled him, but as Gans was not hurt, I overlooked it, though Britt himself admitted that I could have called a foul at that time. The second offense in the fifth round was so palpable, however, that I was forced to give Gans the decision."

Britt was frantic with rage when he realized that he had lost the fight, and he rushed at Graney, striking wildly. Graney, who is something of a boxer himself, fought back, but the police interfered and separated the belligerents. Britt declared as he left the ring: "I know that I can beat Gans and I want to fight him again."

The fight demonstrated that Britt is a wonder in his class. He is a clever boxer, quick as a cat and a hard hitter. With the addition of having a bull dog grit that makes him fight all the harder when he is being punished. Gans and his followers were highly delighted at the decision.

After the fight when Britt had recovered his temper he apologized to Graney and said:

"What could I do when a man fell every time unnecessarily? I am sorry I hit him while on his knees, but I could not help it."

The fifth round lasted but 38 seconds when the foul was declared.

Middlebury Won.

Middlebury, Oct. 31.—Middlebury high school has added another victory to her list by defeating Burr and Burton seminary this afternoon on the college campus by a score of 11 to 0.

Snapp for Kimball Union.

Windsor, Oct. 31.—Kimball Union Academy had a walk-over in the game with Vermont Academy in the depot grounds here this afternoon, the score being 37 to 0 in favor of Kimball Union.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Richard Celebrate Their Fiftieth Anniversary.

Burlington, Oct. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Richards celebrated their golden wedding anniversary yesterday at their home, corner of Cherry and Champlain streets. Relatives, neighbors and friends to the number of nearly one hundred gathered to congratulate the aged couple upon the celebration of the event.

They were married in Quebec 50 years ago yesterday. Mr. Richards is 70 and his wife, who was Miss Ephemia Patry, is about five months his junior.

FOR SMUGGLING WOOL.

W. H. Salls of Derby Furnished Bail on the Charge.

Burlington, Nov. 1.—W. H. Salls of Derby was brought to this city yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Miles on a charge of having smuggled 1,300 pounds of wool from Canada into Derby. The wool was valued at \$450.

The case against Salls was brought before the grand jury at the recent session of the United States courts at Rutland and he was indicted. He was taken before Clerk George E. Johnson yesterday for the purpose of furnishing bail. This was fixed at \$500 and S. D. Bates of Derby became surety, whereupon Salls was released from custody.

CRAIGNAIR CLUB REUNION.

Dumbattie Boys Get Together to Talk Over Old Times.

The Craignair club, whose membership is made up of all those in the city—about 30 in number—who came to this country from Dumbattie, Scotland, held its second reunion in Miles hall last evening with about fifty present, including the members and their ladies. The evening's reunion consisted of a banquet, toasts, songs, Hallowe'en celebration and dancing.

Vice-President James Rowan was in charge of the evening's exercises. In the absence of President Samuel Carswell, who is at the present time employed at Hardwick. Mr. Carswell, however, remembered the occasion and sent a letter which was read at the gathering. The evening's exercises opened with a grand march led by the vice-president and Mrs. Rowan, and in assuming the duties of toastmaster for the evening he made a few appropriate remarks on "Hallowe'en." This was followed with a song by Alderman J. J. McKenzie, "Bonnie Mary of Argyll," a toast, "Worthies of the Bilt," responded to by Thomas Graham, two songs by John Hume, "Scotland Yet," and "Lea Rig," two songs by James Rowan, "Scots Wha' Hae," and "Habbie Tamsin's Smiddy."

A beautiful chicken pie supper was then served by Caterer John Malden, and after ample justice had been done to its many excellent dishes, the following programme was carried out:

Toast, "Craignair," James Campbell; song, Thomas Graham; toast, "O'en," Charles Campbell; song, James Rowan; toast, City of Barre, Alderman John J. McKenzie; toast, "Ladies," Thomas Craig; toast, "Success of the Club," James Rowan; reading, Miss Jennie Carson.

Following this there was dancing until midnight, with a celebration of "All Hallowe'en," between times. The evening's reunion closed with "Auld Lang Syne." Music for the dancing was furnished by Thomas Craig, violin, and Ida Guinness, piano.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. James Rowan, Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graham, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David McKnight, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKnight, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John J. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbertson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carswell, Mr. and Mrs. William Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson of South Ryegate, Mr. and Mrs. James Milne, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Emery, Thomas Graham, Thomas Craig, John Caven, John Hume, Mrs. James Bainbridge, Mrs. Hannah Smith, Mrs. William Gilbertson, Mrs. Samuel Carswell.

RALPH BENNETT FOUND.

Was in Montpelier Stopping With New Found Acquaintance.

Ralph Bennett, who disappeared from his home at 34 Perry street, Friday afternoon, was found last evening in Montpelier on Haymarket square. When the story that he was missing was read in yesterday's Times the Dickey boys went to his home and told his parents they had seen him in Montpelier Saturday in Haymarket square. They immediately went to Montpelier and found him. He had been stopping with some new-found acquaintances who reside in a tenement at the rear of the Donovan music store on Main street. The boy was brought here to his home.

AN EXCELLENT SHOW.

Leading Man as Clever an Actor as Ever Came to Barre.

The people who stayed away from the opera house last evening missed a good show as has been in Barre for a long time. Louis J. Russell as Cyrus Blenheim, "The Middleman," is as clever an actor as ever came to Barre and his portrayal of that exceedingly strong character was as enthusiastically received as was possible from so small an audience and he had to respond to curtain calls several times. Gilbertson's orchestra of nine pieces added much to the evening's entertainment by their excellent concert between the acts.

SARA ON TRIAL.

Charged With Breach of the Peace at George Badger's.

The case of Nicholas Sara for alleged breach of peace which took place at the home of George Badger, a week ago last Sunday, is being heard before a jury in the city court room this afternoon. The jurymen are Kenneth Nicholson, William Scott, Albert Dodge, K. W. Morse, Eugene Glysson and Henry Hay.

IN RUTLAND STREETS.

Large Deer on State Street in That City Creates Sensation.

Rutland, Nov. 1.—A large buck, evidently driven from the woods by hunters, trotted leisurely along State street, in the heart of Rutland late yesterday afternoon. He was pursued by citizens but escaped.

Funeral of Albert Hughes.

North Montpelier, Nov. 1.—The funeral of Thomas Albert Hughes who died Friday night of rheumatic fever was held yesterday from the home of his uncle, Edward Davis. There was a large attendance of friends among whom were sixteen young people from Goddard seminary where the deceased was attending school when taken sick. He was a member of the junior class of that school and was a bright young fellow.

A Hallowe'en Sale.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational church held a Hallowe'en sale in the church vestry last evening which was well attended and the young people realized a goodly sum from their sale. Refreshments were served and games suitable to the occasion were played. The vestry was prettily lighted with Japanese lanterns.

WILL THEY
STOP FLEET?

British Fleets at Gibraltar Cleared For Action

ALL READY FOR BATTLE

Baltic Fleet Has Left Vigo, But No Explanation In Made of the Action of the British.

Gibraltar, Nov. 1.—The garrison was suddenly ordered to mobilize at 10 o'clock this morning and the fleet has been ordered to be ready to put to sea in a half hour's time.

The Channel and Mediterranean fleets, and torpedo fleets are ready to weigh anchor. The governor has summoned the commanding officers to the government here. All the British warships have cleared for action and at 2:30 this afternoon Admiral Beresford's flagship fired a gun as a signal to all officers to board their ships.

London, Nov. 1.—While nothing official has been given out regarding the extraordinary actions at Gibraltar today it is believed the cause for it may be found in the leaving of Vigo by the Russian fleet.

The British fleet is understood to be preparing to meet and stop the Russian squadron should such a grave step be deemed best by the British government. The evening papers commenting on the day's happenings express the belief that Russia has assuredly broken faith. The Globe in an editorial says: "The Baltic fleet leaving Vigo is on the face of it a direct contravention of the pledge given Premier Balfour." Numerous conferences between the Cabinet and the ministers have been going on all day. The Russian ambassador Benckendorff had a long conference with King Edward.

Ready to Go to Gibraltar.

Aldershot, Eng., Nov. 1.—Strong drafts have been made on all branches of the Royal engineers and they have been ordered to be in readiness to leave for Gibraltar and Malta at a moment's notice.

DEPRESSED AT LOSSES.

Russian Troops Do Not Expect to Fight at Mukden.

Rome, Nov. 1.—The Giornale di Roma claims to have ascertained that the recent publication of their losses has greatly disheartened the Russian troops at Shauke river. They now expect to retreat to Harbin before making another stand.

BOYS CAUGHT IN ACT.

Were Putting Stones, Sticks, Etc., On Railroad Tracks.

Special Officer O. C. Owens caught three boys putting stones and pieces of wood on the Montpelier and Wells River railroad tracks yesterday afternoon. The railroad employees have been troubled in this way for some time and at last notified the police about it and in consequence an officer was set to watch for the miscreants. Pieces of wood have been found on the tracks large enough to easily derail a train and perhaps endanger life. Nothing has yet been done with the boys who were caught but this ought to be a warning to other boys who have been addicted to this kind of fun.

BABY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Found With Her Head Downward in a Barrel of Water.

Bethel, Oct. 31.—The three-year-old daughter of Peter Burrell was found this afternoon about 1 o'clock in a large barrel of water, head downward. It was some time before she regained consciousness, but she is now none the worse for the dangerous bath.

L. O. T. M. Hallowe'en Party.

A very pleasant party was given by the Lady Macabees in their hall at the sign of the "Black Cat" in the Worthen block last evening. The affair was largely attended, over 150 being present.

Your near approach to the "Black Cats" castle was announced to spirits by the joyful tones of a bell guarded by the keeper of the Black Cat. Its tones reminded one of one that is heard so often "when driving home the cows. As your presence was announced a white robed spirit bade you welcome to the fun.

At the entrance near the inner door the gypsies read your future to all who wished. In the corner a wonderful beast was disclosed to (men only). There was a spider's web to entangle, apples to bob and games to play. A genuine ghost story was told by the light of a witch cauldron. Refreshments of apples, candy and nuts and lemonade were served and swatch basket was presented to every one present whose contents disclosed wonderful things.

We feel it would not be right if one do not mention the gentleman who started to learn the mysteries and as he neared the entrance his steps were soon to lag when the deep tones of the bell struck his ear he was seen to give one startled glance at the black robed spirit guard, turn and beat a hasty retreat down the stairs, followed by the laughter of the spirits.

The party was in charge of Mrs. M. D. Lamb, Mrs. Annie Laing, Mrs. F. Place, Mrs. E. Tobin, social committee; Mrs. W. Avery, Mrs. H. McNeil, Mrs. C. Clark, refreshment committee.